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EXPENDITURE ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the gross agricultural production being spent by the Government per annum on Research and Development activities for the development and extension of agriculture in the country;

(b) the details of the amount spent during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether some Committees were constituted in this regard who have recommended to spend atleast one percent of the gross agricultural production for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the names of the Committees alongwith action taken by the Government to implement their recommendation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The percentage of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product being spent by the Department of Agricultural Research and Education per annum on Agricultural Research, Education and Extension activities is approximately 0.3%.

(b) The details of amount spent during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Plan	455.00	516.04	668.95
Non-Plan	790.64	703.64	618.85
Total	1245.64	1219.68	1287.80

The State-wise allocations are not made, however, the funds are allocated to ICAR Institutes/ Research Centres situated in various parts of the Country.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Ninth-Plan Working Group on Agricultural Research and Education constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended to spend atleast one per cent of Agricultural Gross Domestic Product on Agricultural Research, Education and Extension. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture have reiterated the same. The Department is persistently pursuing the matter with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.